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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to Section 1 (1) (b) Second Substitute House Bill No. 987 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to school district employees."

This section would prohibit school boards from paying school employees for unused vacation leave.

Since other state employees are not similarly restricted, it is inequitable to single out one group of employees for differential treatment. Any reform in this area should be uniform.

With the exception of Section 1 (1) (b), which I have vetoed, the remainder of Second Substitute House Bill No. 987 is approved.*

CHAPTER 11

[Substitute House Bill No. 923]

CENTER FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION ACT—APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to voluntary action; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; providing an expiration date; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. (1) The legislature finds that:

- (a) Large numbers of Washington's citizens are actively engaged in voluntary activities that benefit their citizens, their communities, and the entire state;
- (b) Volunteers, working on their own and with agencies and organizations, are involved in the development and enhancement of all areas of community service and activity:
- (c) The contribution thus made provides the equivalent of hundreds of millions of dollars in services that might otherwise create a need for additional tax collections;
- (d) The state itself, through the programs and services of its agencies as well as through the provisions of law and rule-making, has a substantial impact on volunteer efforts and programs;
- (e) Public and private agencies depend in large measure on the efforts of volunteers for the accomplishment of their missions and actively seek to increase these efforts;
- (f) Business, industry, and labor in Washington state are increasingly interested in opportunities for community service;
- (g) Many needs remain which could and should be met by volunteers working on their own and through local and state-wide organizations, both governmental and private, nonprofit agencies;
- (h) Many Washington citizens have yet to become fully involved in the life of their communities;
- (i) The opportunity exists to encourage greater and more effective involvement of volunteers in the provision of needed community services; and

- (j) Planned and coordinated recognition, information, training, and technical assistance for volunteer efforts through a state-wide center for voluntary action have been proven to be effective means of multiplying the resources volunteers bring to the needs of their communities.
- (2) Therefore, the legislature, in recognition of these findings, enacts the Center for Voluntary Action Act to ensure that the state of Washington makes every appropriate effort to encourage effective involvement of individuals in their communities and of volunteers who supplement the services of private, nonprofit community agencies and organizations, agencies of local government throughout the state, and the state government.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. This chapter may be known and cited as the Center for Voluntary Action Act.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

- (1) "Volunteer" means a person who is willing to work without expectation of salary or financial reward and who chooses where he or she provides services and the type of services he or she provides.
 - (2) "Center" means the state center for voluntary action.
 - (3) "Council" means the Washington state council on voluntary action.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 4. The governor may establish a state-wide center for voluntary action within the planning and community affairs agency or its statutory successor, and appoint a coordinator, who may employ such staff as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW do not apply to the coordinator and the staff.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The center, working in cooperation with individuals, local groups, and organizations throughout the state, may undertake any program or activity for which funds are available which furthers the goals of this chapter. These programs and activities may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Providing information about programs, activities, and resources of value to volunteers and to organizations operating or planning volunteer programs;
- (2) Sponsoring recognition events for outstanding individuals and organizations;
- (3) Facilitating the involvement of business, industry, government, and labor in community service and betterment;
- (4) Organizing, or assisting in the organization of, training workshops and conferences;
- (5) Publishing schedules of significant events, lists of published materials, accounts of successful programs and programming techniques, and other information concerning the field of volunteerism, and distributing this information broadly;

(6) Reviewing the laws and rules of the state of Washington, and proposed changes therein, to determine their impact on the success of volunteer activities and programs, and recommending such changes as seem appropriate to ensure the achievement of the goals of this chapter.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. (1) There is created the Washington state council on voluntary action to assist the governor and the center in the accomplishment of its mission.

- (2) Giving due consideration to geographic representation, the governor shall appoint the members of the council as provided in this section.
 - (3) The governor shall appoint a chair for the council.
- (4) The advisory council shall have an odd number of members, including its chair, appointed or reappointed for three-year terms, with a total membership of no less than fifteen and no more than twenty-one.
- (5) Upon initial appointment, one-third of the members of the advisory council shall be appointed for one-year terms, one-third for two-year terms, and one-third for three-year terms. Thereafter, as vacancies shall occur, appointments shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.
- (6) Members of the council shall upon request be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
 - (7) The council and its members shall:
 - (a) Advise the governor as he may request and direct;
- (b) Propose, review, and evaluate activities and programs of the center and, to the degree practical, advocate decentralization of the center's activities, facilitate but not require or hinder existing local volunteer services, and not advocate the replacement of needed paid staff with volunteers;
- (c) Represent the governor and the center on such occasions and in such manner as the governor may from time to time provide; and
- (d) Deliver to the governor and the legislature on the 15th of December, 1982, and of each year thereafter a report outlining the scope and nature of volunteer activities in the state, assessing the need and potential for volunteer activities in the state, identifying and recognizing significant accomplishments and services of individual volunteers and volunteer programs, and making such recommendations as the council determines by majority vote.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. (1) The center may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from private or public sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purpose of the center and expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments. The center may charge reasonable fees, or other appropriate charges, for attendance at workshops and conferences, for various publications and other materials which it is authorized to prepare and distribute for the purpose of defraying all or part of the costs of those activities and materials.

(2) A fund known as the voluntary action center fund is created, which consists of all gifts, grants, and endowments, fees, and other revenues received pursuant to this chapter. The state treasurer is the custodian of the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be on authorization of the coordinator of the center or the coordinator's designee, and may be made for the following purposes to enhance the capabilities of the center's activities, such as: (a) Reimbursement of center volunteers for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060; (b) publication and distribution of materials involving volunteerism; (c) for other purposes designated in gifts, grants, or endowments consistent with the purposes of this chapter. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for disbursements.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The center and the council shall cease to exist on June 30, 1985, unless extended by law for an additional fixed period of time. The legislative budget committee shall cause a performance audit of the center and the council to be conducted. The final audit report shall be available to the legislature at least six months before the scheduled termination date. The audit shall include, but is not limited to, objective findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations as to the continuation, modification, or termination of the center and council.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 9. There is appropriated from the general fund to the planning and community affairs agency or its statutory successor, the sum of eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to support the operations of the voluntary action center and the council for the balance of the 1981-1983 fiscal biennium.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. Sections 1 through 8 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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CHAPTER 12

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4492]
PARKING OFFENSES—LOCAL FINES—EXCLUSION FROM ADDITIONAL
PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

AN ACT Relating to traffic infraction penalties; reenacting and amending section 13, chapter 136, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as last amended by section 6, chapter 19, Laws of 1981 and by section 7, chapter 330, Laws of 1981 and RCW 46.63.110; and prescribing penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 13, chapter 136, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. as last amended by section 6, chapter 19, Laws of 1981 and by section 7, chapter